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Appl. No.	:	10/723,462
Applicants	:	Westphall et al.
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Title	:	Inductive Detection for Mass Spectrometry
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Examiner	:	Fernandez, Kalimah
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

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detectors. Thus, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 53-50 in addition to those of the provisionally elected Group II.
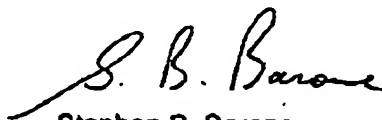
The claims of Groups I and II involve an important technical feature in common, as both groups relate to inductive detection of electrically charged particles. Applicants argue that the existence of this common technical feature renders the subject matter of Groups I and II close enough so as not to impose a significant burden by searching and examining the allegedly distinct inventions. Similar prior art would need to be compiled and analyzed for an evaluation of the patentability of the claims of both Group I and Group II. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's election requirement.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, this case is considered to be in condition for allowance and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues related to restriction or patentability, the courtesy of a telephone call is requested, and the Examiner is invited to call to arrange a mutually convenient time.

It is believed that excess claims fees in the amount of $200.00 for the addition of eight new claims is required. Therefore, please deduct this amount from Deposit Account No. 07-1969. If any additional fees are required, however, please also deduct all additional fees for this submission and any extension of time required from Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	minus 20=	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	150.00	OR	BASIC FEE	300.00
X$ 25=		OR	X$50=	
X100=		OR	X200=	
+180=		OR	+360=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

AMENDMENT A   6-10-05

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 60	Minus	** 52	= 8
Independent	* 4	Minus	*** 4	= —
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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X$ 25=	200⁰⁰	OR	X$50=	
X100=		OR	X200=	
+180=		OR	+360=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	200⁰⁰	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
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Independent	*	Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

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X100=		OR	X200=	
+180=		OR	+360=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

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